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SUBJECT: AFTERNOON SUPPLEMENT TO AMERICAN NEWS CABLE

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1. NOONSTAR FEATURES REPORT BY JEREMIAH O' LEARY THAT PRESIDENT SENT PERSONAL LETTER TO J. EDGAR HOOVER IN JUNE 1971 TELLING HIM KROGH WAS IN CHARGE OF SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND ASKING FBI COOPERATION WITH GROUP LATER KNOWN AS THE PLUMBERS. STAR ALSO FRONTPAGES NYTIMES HERSH STORY ON DEAN' S EFFORT TO HIRE SPIES ON PROTESTERS.

2. ROGERS. WASHSTAR HAS PAGE 8 MEXICO CITY UPI, WITH HEADING, ROGERS SEES ECHEVERRIA; NO MEXICAN ACCORD? UPI REPORTS IF ROGERS WON ECHEVERRIA' S APPROVAL FOR HIS PLAN TO EASE ONE OF MAIN POINTS OF ILL FEELING-- SALINITY PROBLEM-- HE DID NOT INDICATE IT, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY SAID HE UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFERED PROPOSALS THAT COULD PERMANENTLY AND JUSTLY RESOLVE PROBLEM. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH ECHEVERRIA, ROGERS SAID, ACCORDING UPI, INCLUDED NIXON MESSAGE LAUDING ECHEVERRIA'S RECENT TOUR WHICH NIXON CALLED INDEED A JOURNEY FOR PEACE.

2. NEWSWEEK HAS ARTICLE ENTITLED, LATIN AMERICA: TALK SHOW WITH PHOTO OF SECRETARY AND MRS. ROGERS, SAYS THERE IS

WIDESPREAD AGREEMENT NIXON ADMINISTRATION HASN'T BEEN PAYING SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO LATIN AMERICA, WITH PRESIDENT ADMITTING AS MUCH IN HIS STATE-OF-WORLD MESSAGE, NEWSWEEK ADDING PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED PLANS TO VISIT LATIN AMERICA LATER IN YEAR AND TO PROVE HIS GOOD FAITH SENT ROGERS OFF ON 17-DAY SWING. ACCORDING NEWSWEEK, ON ONE LEVEL SECRETARY WILL BE STALKING-HORSE FOR NIXON TESTING PUBLIC REACTION AND TRYING TO DETERMINE WHERE PRESIDENT'S PRESENCE WOULD DO MOST GOOD BUT MAIN PURPOSE WILL BE TO DELIVER SOME BLUNT MESSAGES, ONE OFFICIAL SAYING THIS IS NOT A FACT-FINDING TOUR AND BILL ROGERS ISN'T GOING TO LATIN AMERICA TO LISTEN; HE'S GOING THERE TO TALK. ONE STATE DEPARTMENT HAND SAID, ACCORDING NEWSWEEK, ROGERS WILL SAY ANTI-AMERICAN RHETORIC IS HAMPERING RELATIONS AND URGE HIS HOSTS TO FOCUS ON THE POSITIVE AND PRACTICAL, AND THIS INCLUDES AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS PRESIDENT FACES IN PERSUADING CONGRESS TO PERMIT INCREASED ARMS SALES AND GRANT TRADE PREFERENCES; WASHINGTON IS EAGER TO STRESS COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS WITH LATINS AND GAIN THEIR SUPPORT IN US BARGAINING WITH MAJOR INDUSTRIAL TRADING PARTNERS. TRIP'S SUCCESS IS QUESTIONABLE, SAYS NEWSWEEK, SAYING THERE IS LITTLE VISIBLE LATIN ENTHUSIASM FOR SECSTATE AND LATINS ARE INCREASINGLY SUSPICIOUS OF AMERICAN INTENTIONS, CONCERNED ABOUT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF BRAZIL AND RETALIATORY SQUEEZES ON PERU AND CHILE. NEWSWEEK CITES ONE ARGENTINE HOLDING THAT MOST COUNTRIES ON ITINERARY ARE SAFE TERRITORY, IT MAKES IT ALL SEEM LIKE A CIRCUS SIDESHOW DESIGNED TO DISTRACT AND ENTERTAIN RATHER THAN TO CLARIFY AND ENLIGHTEN.

4. WALLACH INTERVIEW. SUNDAY BALTIMORE NEWS-AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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COVERED TOP HALF OF PAGE 12 WITH WALLACH INTERVIEW AND ROGERS DEPARTURE PHOTO, WALLACH STRESSING FROM MEXICO CITY THAT ROGERS WAS TO DECLARE FORCEFULLY TO ECHEVERRIA AND OTHER LATIN LEADERS FIRM US POLICY OF NOT YIELDING TO BLACKMAIL AND EXTORTIONS, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE HE WOULD EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT FOR THE CONCERN AND EFFORT OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN OBTAINING LEONHARDY'S RELEASE.

WALLACH SEES SOME MYSTERY ABOUT WHO IS GOING TO MAKE UP
THE 8 0, 000 DOLLARS BORROWED BY MRS. LEONHARDY, ALTHOUGH
ROGERS HAS REASON TO BELIEVE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL FIND
WAY TO FULFILL THE OBLIGATION AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENT
DOESN' T PUBLICLY WANT TO LEAVE IMPRESSION THAT IT VOLUN-
TARILY PAID SUCH A LARGE SUM TO THE TERRORISTS. WALLACH
GIVES OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FROM HIS EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW:

ROGERS IS CONFIDENT PERON' S FOLLOWERS WON' T REACH CRITICAL
PROPORTIONS AT LEAST IN EXPROPRIATION OF AMERICAN INVEST-
MENTS; US HAS PUT LATIN RELATIONS HIGH ON AGENDA; SECRE-
TARY FAVORS REMOVAL OF CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL CEILING ON
MILITARY SALES AND CREDITS TO LATIN AMERICA; EXPECTED
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